

## Message Text

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TO USDOC WASHDC PRIORITY  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 5525  
AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
AMEMBASSY BELGRADE  
/AMEMBASSY CAIRO 2144  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
AMCONSUL DHAHRAN  
AMEMBASSY MUSCAT  
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN  
/USINT BAGHDAD 28

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TAGS: BEXP, ECRE, SENV, IZ, TC, SA, YO

SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 77 WATER RESOURCES SPECIALIZED TRADE MMISSION

REF: BAGHDAD 1080

1. EMBASSY JIDDA AGREES THAT FOCUS OF MISSION WILL DIFFER FROM PENINSULAR COUNTRIES TO NORTHERN NEIGHBORS, BUT FEELS COMPELLED TO POINT OUT THAT MAGNITUDE OF PROGRAM IN PENINSULAR COUNTRIES, COUPLED WITH EXCELLENT PROSPECT OF EVENTUAL SALES, WARRANTS VISIT AT THIS TIME.

2. DROPPING SAUDI ARABIA WOULD BE A MISTAKE, IN OUR OPINION, PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN THE BRITISH AND GERMANS ARE AGGRESSIVELY CULTIVATING MAW (MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER) OFFICIALS AND INCREASINGLY CAPTURING LUCRATIVE CONTRACTS. THE U.S. SHOULD DOMINATE THE AGRICULTURE AND WATER FIELDS IN THE NEAR EAST, BUT ALL TOO FREQUENTLY FIND WE ARE BEHIND THE COMPETITION.

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3. SUGGEST MISSION ORGANIZERS DE-EMPHASIZE DESALTING

EXCEPT ON SMALLER SCALE, CONCENTRATE ON INLAND WATER  
EXPLORATION, DRILLING, PUMPING AND DISTRIBUTION, URBAN  
DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS, SEWAGE SYSTEMS, IRRIGATION AND  
DAMS (THE KINGDOM IS ANTICIPATING CONSTRUCTION OF  
SEVEN NEW DAMS IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS), AND NOT REPEAT  
NOT ELIMINATE A VISIT TO THE KINGDOM NEXT FEBRUARY.  
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